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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in lieu of an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal in the above-identified application was received at the USPTO on April 2, 2007.in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 3, 2006 in the above-identified application. A five month extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief, is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.